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PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. MC2000-2/6

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. MC2000-2

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
GRANTING LATE ACCEPTANCE

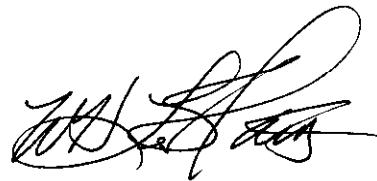
(January 28, 2000)

On January 27, 2000, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed Office of the Consumer Advocate Motion for Acceptance of Testimony One Day After the Scheduled Filing Date (Motion). OCA concurrently filed the Direct Testimony of James F. Callow on Behalf of the Office of the Consumer Advocate (witness Callow testimony). Presiding Officer's Ruling No. 2, issued December 21, 1999, established a January 26, 2000 deadline for the filing of the case-in-chief of each participant, including rebuttal to the Postal Service. On January 26, 2000 the offices of the federal government in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, including the offices of the Postal Rate Commission, were closed due to inclement weather. The Motion requests the Commission to accept the one-day late submission of witness Callow's testimony because the offices of the Postal Rate Commission were unforeseeably closed on the due date.

The Office of the Consumer Advocate Motion for Acceptance of Testimony One Day After the Scheduled Filing Date is granted. Granting the Motion will not delay the proceeding or prejudice the Postal Service.

RULING

The Office of the Consumer Advocate Motion for Acceptance of Testimony One Day After the Scheduled Filing Date is granted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W.H. LeBlanc III', with a stylized flourish at the end.

W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III
Presiding Officer